

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 611 - HB 832

March 24, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the specific circumstances upon which a restriction on a healthcare provider to practice upon termination or conclusion of the employment or contractual relationship would be reasonable, and establishes that such restriction is reasonable if the terms and conditions established under the current practice of medicine provisions within the authority granted to the Board of Medical Examiners are met. Requires the restriction to be applied to all healthcare providers. Removes the exclusion of health maintenance organizations from the definition of an “employing entity.”

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Current law applies the reasonable conditions for restricting a healthcare provider’s practice only to licensed podiatrists, chiropractors, dentists, medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, and psychologists. Extending the scope of the restriction to all licensed healthcare providers will not result in a significant regulatory or fiscal impact on the Division of Health Related Boards or the Board of Medical Examiners.
- Rulemaking and any additional regulatory duties imposed on the Board can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board meetings and will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$890,444.43.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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